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SUBJECT: SHARIA WALKOUT

REF: LAGOS 4700

1. NEW NIGERIAN APRIL 15 EDITION REPORTS PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION BY MOSLEM SOCIETIES LUN KADUNA ON APRIL 14 IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL SHARIA COURT OF APPEAL. DEMONSTRATORS APPARENTLY ANNT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN MORNING BUT WERE UNABLE SEE MILITARY GOVERNOR WHO WAS ATTENDING RETIREMENT PARADE FOR HIS PREDECESSOR AT NAF BASE.

2. IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS PO HAS HAD WITH VARIOUS NORTHERNERS PAST FEW DAYS, NONE INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF WHETHER CA MEMBERS FROM NORTH WHO WALKED OUT OVER SHARIA WOULD RETURN THIS WEEK. MOST INCLINED TO VIEW THAT THEY WOULD RETURN TO ASSEMBLY AFTER SUNDAY STRATEGY SESSION IN LAGOS. RATOOUNALES OFFERED FOR PROBABLE RETURN ARE (A) THERE STILL POSSIBILITY THAT FURTHER COMPROMISE ON SHARIA CAN BE REACHED NOW THAT NON-MOSLEM ASSEMBLY MEMBERS REALIZE (FROM WALKOUT) HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE VRTH ATTACHES TO ISSUE AND (B) RETURN TO ASSEMBLY ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY LEST THOSE ELEMENTS IN
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MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT WHICH WOULD LIKE DEFER RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE BEYOND 1979 TAKE WALKOUT ONE-THIRD OFHNA MEMBERS AS EXCUSE CGD MINISTRY STILL NOT READY FOR CIVILIAN POLITICS.

3. RE ADEBO AND UNONGO STATEMENTS (PARA 2 REFTTEL, TODAY'S

NEW NIGERIAN CARRIER CATEGORIC REFUTATION THEIR ASSERTIONS BY
CA MEMBER IYA ABUBAKAR, VICE CHANCELLOR OF AHMADU BELLO
UNIVERSITY. ABUBAKAR'S STATEMENT IS BACKED BY UMARU DIKKO.
BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF ADEBO SUBCOMMITTEE.
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